



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 1, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On April 17, 2007 this Board passed a motion which instructed the Chief Administrative Office’s Intergovernmental Relations Branch to support legislation which provides funding for increased availability and access to routine HIV screening, education, outreach, care and treatment, particularly within correctional facilities and incarceration settings.

“Recent Federal legislation has been introduced that mirrors the goals that Los Angeles County has set for responding to the HIV epidemic within our communities. House Resolution 822 (H.R. 822) - The Routine HIV/AIDS Screening Coverage Act requires health insurance plans to cover routine HIV tests under the same terms and conditions as other routine health screenings. Bearing in mind that a quarter of those living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County are undiagnosed, House Resolution 1943 (H.R. 1943) would ensure efficient, affordable, and routine testing opportunities for the population at large.

“H.R. 1943 - The Stop AIDS in Prison Act, requires opt-out HIV testing for all Federal prison inmates upon entry and prior to release from Federal Bureau of Prison Facilities, HIV/AIDS awareness education for all inmates, and comprehensive treatment for the inmates who test positive. Considering the high rates of HIV/AIDS within incarceration settings and that 40% of HIV positive California prison parolees come to Los Angeles County upon their release, H.R. 822 would ensure the necessary testing, education and treatment for one of our most impacted populations. Both bills provide significant opportunities to improve the health of Los Angeles County residents. It is incumbent upon this Board to act swiftly in order to voice our support for these pieces of legislation.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer's Intergovernmental Relations Branch was directed to actively support House Resolution 822, legislation which would require health insurance plans to cover routine HIV tests under the same terms and conditions as other routine health screenings; and House Resolution 1943, legislation which would require HIV testing for all Federal prison inmates upon entry and prior to release from Federal Bureau of Prison Facilities, and requires HIV/AIDS awareness education for all inmates, and comprehensive treatment for those inmates who test positive.

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